

### **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled, claims 2-5 and 7 have been amended, and claims 16 and 17 have been added. Thus, claims 2-5 and 7-17 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In item 6 on page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 8-15 are allowed, and that claims 2, 4 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled, each of claims 2 and 4 has been amended to incorporate therein all of the limitations of claim 1, claim 7 has been amended to incorporate therein all of the limitations of claims 1 and 6, claims 3 and 5 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 2, and new claims 16 and 17 have been added and depend from the allowable claims 4 and 7, respectively.

In item 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to "because commas should be placed at the end of line 1 and in line 4 after 'film piezoelectric element.'" Accordingly, the Abstract has been so amended.

In item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner required a new title of the invention that is clearly indicative of the claimed invention. Accordingly, the title has now been amended to read --Thin Film Piezoelectric Element; Actuator, Head Support Mechanism, and Disc Recording and Reproducing Device Using the Thin Film Piezoelectric Element; and Method of Manufacturing the Thin Film Piezoelectric Element--.

In view of the above revisions, and in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, as noted in item 6 on page 3 of the Office Action, it is submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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